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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80114

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Appln. No.: 10/786,331

Group Art Unit: 3729

Confirmation No.: 2651

Examiner: Paul D. Kim

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For: INK-JET RECORDING HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to three (3) distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claim 15 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species A, Figs. 5A-12 and sub-species AA, Fig. 5A for examination on which claims 15-22 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims in due course.